

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 23-26. To expedite the prosecution of this application, and without acceding to the rejections, Claims 23 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 1 and 3-22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 2 was previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, Claims 23 -26 remain and are in condition for allowance.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (A-10046) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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